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SUBJECT: IAEA ADVISORY GROUP ON SITE SELECTION FACTORS FOR  
THE DISPOSAL OF SOLIDIFIED HIGH-LEVEL AND ALPHA-BEARING WASTES  
IN GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS, VIENNA, DECEMBER 8-12, 1975

1. AGENCY HAS INFORMED MISSION IT PLANS CONVENE SUBJECT  
MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF COMMENTING ON, MAKING  
SUCH REVISIONS AS NECESSARY AND COMPLETING DRAFT REPORT  
ON TOPIC OF SUBJECT MEETING. REPORT WAS  
INITIALLY DRAFTED LAST YEAR BY SECRETARIAT WITH HELP OF  
TWO CONSULTANTS. DRAFT REPORT WAS REVIEWED BY THREE  
CONSULTANTS IN LATE JUNE THIS YEAR AND COMMENTS RECEIVED  
FROM MEMBER STATES WERE CONSIDERED AND INCORPORATED INTO  
REPORT TO EXTENT THEY COULD BE ACCOMMODATED. THIS REVIESED  
DRAFT REPORT WOULD BE MAILED TO PARTICIPATING EXPERTS IN  
SUFFICIENT TIME TO BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO MEETING.

2. AGENCY WOULD APPRECIATE USG NOMINATING ONE, AND  
PREFERABLY TWO, EXPERTS AT NO RPT NO EXPENSE TO AGENCY.  
ONE EXPERT SHOULD BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT HIGH-LEVEL AND/OR  
ALPHA-BEARING WASTE MANAGEMENT AND OTHER SHOULD HAVE  
EXPERTISE IN ONE OF THE EARTH SCIENCES, SUCH AS GEOLOGY,  
HYDROLOGY, MINING, SEISMOLOGY, SOIL, CHEMISTRY, ETC.,  
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THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN EVALUATING SUITABILITY OF

GEOLOGICAL SITE FOR EMPLACEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES.  
(AGENCY SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS DR. THOMAS F. LOMENICK,  
HNL, WHO ASSISTED IN PREPARATION AND SUBSEQUENT REVISION  
OF DRAFT REPORT.) AGENCY REQUESTS NOMINATION(S) NLT  
OCTOBER 3, 1975.

3. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS MEETING.  
WHICH IS OF WIDE-SPREAD INTEREST TO MANY MEMBER STATES,  
INCLUDING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MISSION BELIEVES USE  
OF COST-FREE EXPERT FUNDS TO SEND EXPERTS WOULD BE FULLY  
JUSTIFIED. MISSION RECOMMENDS U.S. PROVIDE TWO EXPERTS.

4. AGENCY NOTES THAT OECD/NEA EXPECTS TO CONVENE A  
SEMINAR ON DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE IN GEOLOGICAL  
FORMATIONS (GEOLOGICAL DISPOSAL) IN CLAUSTHAL-ZELLERFELD,  
FRG, DURING WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 1975. AGENCY  
UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS SEMINAR IS TO REVIEW NATIONAL  
PROGRAMS FOR GEOLOGICAL DISPOSAL AND VISIT ASSE SALT  
MINE NEARBY WHERE SUCH DISPOSAL IS BEING DEMONSTRATED.  
AGENCY CALLS THIS TO OUR ATTENTION, SINCE U.S. MAY WISH  
TO HAVE SAME EXPERTS PARTICIPATE IN BOTH MEETINGS.

5. AGENCY NOTES ALSO THAT, IN VIEW OF PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE  
QUESTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN  
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR EMPLACEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE  
WASTES IN A GEOLOGICAL SITE, GREAT IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED TO  
HAVING A WELL-PREPARED REPORT REGARDING SITE SELECTION  
FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED. CONSEQUENTLY, AGENCY URGES  
USG GIVE EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION TO CONTRIBUTING  
EXPERTISE WHICH WILL ACCOMPLISH THAT OBJECTIVE.

6. COPY OF AGENCY LETTER POUCHED AMMONS/ERDA. ADVISE.  
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